

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is announcing a series of three, free to the public educational seminars held at various locations around the United States in 2018. The seminars will focus on the June 2017 amendments to 49 CFR Part 219 - Control of Alcohol and Drug Use, and the November 7, 2014 Final Rule and December 2017 proposed implementation date amendments to 49 CFR Part 243 - Training, Qualification and Oversight for Safety-Related Railroad Employees. Both regulations are in response to a Congressional mandate in the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (RSIA).

The Part 219 presentation will discuss FRA's expansion in scope of its drug and alcohol regulation to cover MOW employees, as well as other amendments including; codifying guidance from FRA compliance manuals, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recommendations, and additional substantive amendments based upon FRA's regulatory review of 30 years of implementation of Part 219.

The Part 243 presentation will discuss the proposed two-year delay of all implementation dates, including an overview of program compliance requirements.

Sufficient time will be allotted after each presentation for questions and answers. <u>Seating will be provided on a first come first serve basis</u>. Each venue will accommodate approximately 100 people. The seminar will adjourn for lunch at 1230 and resume promptly at 1330. See notes below for specific details regarding each seminar.

Seminar	Date	Time	Location
1	May 17, 2018	1000 - 1600	National Park Service
			Steamtown Theater Building <sup>1</sup>
			350 Cliff Street, Scranton, PA 18503
2	June 26, 2018	"	California State Railroad Museum
			East Theater <sup>2</sup>
			125 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
3	August 30, 2018	"	National Weather Service Training Center
			Auditorium <sup>3</sup>
			7220 NW 101 <sup>st</sup> , Kansas City, MO 64153

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Enter through the main entrance. Follow the road and park in the visitor parking lot. Just beyond the Ticket Booth there are two buildings. The one to the left is the Visitor Center. The one to the right is the Theater building.

## **Seminar Registration**

https://www.fra.dot.gov/conference/2018/reoseminar/register.aspx

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> East Theater is in the California State Railroad Museum, located on the corner of I Street and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Parking is available across the street on the corner, and in parking garage located at 2<sup>nd</sup> and I Street. Additional parking is available in the Old Sacramento Garage.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The National Weather Service facility is located approximately 7 miles from the Kansas City International (KCI) Airport. All guest must show a government issued ID to enter the building. Parking is available at the facility.